

BROKER KILLS
SELF IN BATH,
HAD WORRIED
OVER FINANCES

Aquilla Reese Yeakle, Real Estate Operator, Found Unconscious in Water in Basement of Home.

Discovered by Wife and Daughter, Who Summon Physician and Emergency Ambulance, But to No Avail.

Aquilla Reese Yeakle, a real estate operator of 3135 Highland place, Cleveland Park, drowned himself in the servants' bath in the basement of his home this morning.

Mr. Yeakle was found in the overflowing bathtub with his head beneath the water by his wife and daughter, Miss Marie Yeakle, shortly after 8 o'clock.

Dr. William Earl Clark was summoned by telephone, and he tried restorative measures, while the ambulance from Emergency Hospital also was called. It was found Mr. Yeakle was dead.

For several weeks, Mr. Yeakle, who was known throughout Cleveland Park for his cheery disposition, had been despondent, and for some time he had been suffering from melancholia.

DUE TO REVERSES.

The condition was brought about, it is stated, by financial worries. He had lost his home, Mr. Yeakle retired as a broker, and his wife and daughter heard him go to the cellar usual, and was, apparently, a little more buoyant than during the day. He rose early this morning, and his wife and daughter heard him go to the cellar and "fix" the furnace. This was a regular Sunday morning chore, and they thought nothing of it.

When he did not return for some time, however, Mrs. Yeakle and Miss Yeakle went to the basement to investigate. Mr. Yeakle was not in the furnace room. They heard the splash of the overflowing tub in the basement bath and called to Mr. Yeakle. He did not answer. They tried the door and found it locked. The door was forced, and Mr. Yeakle was found in the tub, dressed as he had left the bed room. He was unconscious, and a hurry call was sent for Dr. Clark, who lives in Cleveland Park. Dr. Clark reached the house in a short time, but could not revive Mr. Yeakle.

Bicycle Chain Breaks,
Knocks Boy Unconscious

Charles C. Gullford, nineteen years old, of 312 Third street northeast, was knocked unconscious in a fall from his bicycle at Sixteenth and Florida avenue northwest, this morning.

Beer May Be Banned by
Harvard Next Thursday

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 28.—Harvard undergraduates are advertising a big gathering next Thursday, when the question whether beer shall be served at class functions will be debated in a forum, followed by a vote after the session, to sense the opinion of the gathering.

Discussion for several months has been rampant at Harvard as to the advisability of serving beer at the smokers' and class dinners. The students have even the abolition of cigarettes.

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Lid Goes on Tight
In New York City

Report That Excise Deputies Are in Town—Closes Even All Side Doors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—This city is very dry today. It will so continue until the legal hour for reopening saloons tomorrow.

TORN FROM BEDSIDE
OF WIFE BY POLICE

Frank E. Ward, Father of New-Born Baby, Faces Bigamy Charge Here.

Torn away from the bedside of his wife who had just borne him a son in Minneapolis hospital, Frank E. Ward was brought to Washington today by Headquarters Detective O'Brien and locked up in the First precinct police station on the charge of bigamy, brought by Margaret May Smoke, of Niagara Falls, which also is Ward's wife. The second Mrs. Ward was left alone in the Minneapolis hospital, far from all her friends. She was married to Ward in Washington in June, 1913, and several months later they went to Detroit and from there to Minneapolis. She was Miss Anna M. Milne, of 915 U street northwest.

SALOON PROBES
MAKE INSPECTION

Senators Visit Places Alleged at Inquiry to Be Operating Without Legal Authority.

Washington saloons, charged with selling liquor before the Senate committee investigating the conduct of the District Excise Board as operating without legal authority, were inspected today by four of the five members of the committee, accompanied by Andrew Wilson, president, and Albert E. Shoenmaker, attorney, of the Anti-Saloon League.

Senator Dillingham accompanied the committee on its tour through several portions of the so-called resident districts wherein wholesale houses are located and visited some of the alleys that were said by the Anti-Saloon League to be inhabited, and, therefore, prohibited territory. Senator Hughes, who thus far has attended no public meetings of the committee, was absent.

THREE BANDITS ROB
MAN IN FOURTH ST.

J. W. Padgett Says Cooled Man Stole \$21 From Him Late Last Night.

J. W. Padgett, 49, of 429 H street northwest, reports to the police today that he was held up at the point of pistols by three colored men last night in Fourth street, between G and H streets, and robbed of a pocketbook containing \$21, twelve-cent tickets, two photographs, and a identification card.

He said he was walking along Fourth street when the three men walked up and told him to hold up his hands. Two of them, covered with the light of the street, searched his pockets. He said that all three were dressed in dark clothes and wore slouch hats.

STEGLER STORY
IS BLACKMAIL
ATTEMPT, SAYS
BERNSTORFF

German Ambassador Issues Statement Declaring That Charges Against Boy-Ed Are Too Fantastic to Discuss.

Has Communicated All Main Facts of Case to State Department, He Says—Matter Now Up to Courts.

Charges of Richard P. Stegler against German Naval Attache Boy-Ed are characterized as "an attempt at blackmail which failed," in a statement made by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff declared he had communicated to the State Department all the main facts of the Stegler charges as far as Naval Attache Boy-Ed is concerned.

Ambassador Bernstorff, in discussing the Stegler charges today said:

"I must refrain from dealing in any detail with all the false statements and fantastic allegations as Stegler and his wife which are multiplying from day to day and are of a pathological character.

UP TO THE PUBLIC.

"There may be other motives in question, but in any case the whole matter looks very much like an attempt at blackmail that failed.

"It is up to the judges and public opinion to form their own judgment of the reliability of Stegler."

Stegler, when arrested at New York on the charge of obtaining forged passports from the State Department, declared that he had been aided by Naval Attache Boy-Ed, and that he had been employed by Boy-Ed as a spy for service in England.

Editor of a Pro-German Paper Is Drawn Into the Boy-Ed Passport Scandal

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—George Sylvester Vrebeck, editor of the Fatherland and one of the leading German-American agitators in this country, now is involved in the scandal resulting from the confession of Richard Peter Stegler, who accuses Capt. K. Boy-Ed, the German naval attache, of sending him to England as a spy.

In a statement issued from the Times, where he is held on the charge of obtaining a State Department passport by illegal means, Stegler declares that Vrebeck gave him the name of another German-American, a noted author, who might be of assistance to him in his quest for the passport which would start him safely to England.

"I wouldn't have brought him into the case," Stegler told his counsel, Charles H. Griffiths, "if it hadn't been for that statement on Friday."

Repulsed Him.

DARDANELLES—CENTER OF WAR INTEREST

MANY POSSES SEEK
WOMAN'S ASSAILANT

Towns Near Chicago Organize Bands When Colored Man Chokes Aged Woman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Two man hunts are on in the Fox river valley today. The latest murder victim is Mrs. Frances E. Schwartz, seventy-five years old, who was attacked, then choked to death by Jess Williams, a colored porter she employed in her home near Wheaton.

After throwing Mrs. Schwartz into a clothes closet, with a rope twisted around her neck, Williams fled to Aurora, where search has been made two days for the slayer of Emma Peterson. There he vanished.

The Peterson girl was hit over the head with a piece of lead pipe, and her skull crushed by an unknown assailant Thursday night.

Citizens and detectives of all the suburban towns between Lombard, Aurora, and Elgin have been aroused to a point that hordes ill for either assault should be caught. Poses are scouring the territory in the hope of locating the colored man.

The Peterson girl is now believed to have been the victim of a jealous admirer. Yesterday it was learned she was secretly married several weeks ago. The name of her husband is as yet unknown.

VILLA GIVES ORDER
TO KEEP OFF NACO

Maytorena's Troops Must Not Menace Frontier Town. Regarded as Neutral Territory.

General Villa has wired Governor Maytorena of Sonora, Mexico, that under no circumstances must he occupy or menace the frontier town of Naco, which under an agreement suggested by Gen. Hugh L. Scott, army chief of staff, was to be regarded as neutral territory.

DACCIA TO GO BEFORE
FRENCH PRIZE COURT

Ship in Channel and Escorts Her to Brest.

CLUBWOMEN LEAD IN
MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

District Federation to Form Nucleus of \$350,000 Fund to Be Raised.

The District Federation of Women's Clubs has taken the lead in the movement to erect a memorial to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in the form of a block of model tenement houses, and a per capita assessment will probably be made to form the nucleus of the \$350,000 fund.

Such action was foreshadowed at the monthly meeting of the federation at the Raleigh last night, at which Mrs. Ella Logan, president, presided.

Two meetings were held yesterday under the auspices of the federation, at which the women of the district, president of the Washington branch of the woman's welfare department of the National Civic Federation, outlined the plans for the memorial building.

While the Washington women are expected to do a large part in erecting the memorial, they will not bear the entire burden of work, for clubwomen through the country will be asked to participate.

Hungry Venus Offers
Her Corpse for Sale

DENVER, Feb. 28.—A poverty stricken Venus has offered her body for sale to the University of Colorado for dissecting purposes.

The girl, whose identity is kept secret by the university, wrote to "The Dean of the Faculty" as follows:

"I am a young woman in good health and have a perfect physique, but I am hungry and need money to buy food. I have heard that medical schools buy bodies for use in dissecting, and I hope you will buy mine. Please offer me as much as you can."

EFFORT TO END WAR
ZONE IS DEFEATED

Allies' Retaliatory Measure Is Regarded as Bringing Negotiations to Abrupt Halt.

Announcement by the allies of a blockade of Germany, official notice of which is awaited by the State Department, has brought about an abrupt halt in the negotiations of this Government looking to an ending of the German submarine war zone and the admission of food for Germany's non-combatant population.

High officials made this plain today. The blockade is accepted as a final reply to the American representations looking to the admission of food to Germany. It is considered not only an emphatic negative to the American proposals, but goes farther by including not only food, but cotton shipments to Germany, and is another way, officials say, of declaring all non-contraband goods to be contraband, that is, if they are destined for Germany.

Whether the cargoes of the cotton ship Dacia and the food ship Wilhelm, which are now received by American importers, may be wholly cut off, unless arrangements can be made to receive such goods through neutral ports, there will be no hostile action by the United States because of the loss of the steamers Carib and Evelyn, it was declared today. There is believed to be no doubt that the vessels were sunk by mines, and it will be impossible to ascertain whether they were British, German, or French.

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Department officials said no action looking toward the release of the cotton ship Lucia will be taken until the French prize court proceedings are completed.

ALLIES TO ARREST
ALL SHIPS OF FOES

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The allies have come to a virtual agreement that a blockade must be decreed against Germany and her allies in retaliation for submarine attacks upon merchant vessels.

As a preliminary step, a note will be addressed to neutrals early this week, attempting to justify such a step.

This information comes from high authorities. It was stated that this announcement probably will be made public by Premier Aquith tomorrow afternoon.

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NEW CAPITAL

Demolishing Parties From Allies' Fleet Complete Destruction of Strongholds and Rout Moslems on Land.

New British Dreadnaught, Most Powerful Ship Afloat, Leads Vessels Smashing Way Through Dardanelles.

ATHENS, Feb. 28.—The Turkish cabinet is in a panic because of the destruction of the outer forts of the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch from Constantinople today.

It has been decided to transfer the capital to Broussa, Asia Minor. Reports are prevalent in the Ottoman capital that unsuccessful attempts have been made to assassinate the Grand Vizier and the minister of the interior.

While twelve great battleships and a score of lesser war craft are pounding away at the inner forts, nearly a score of miles inside the straits, demolishing parties landed by the fleet, are completing the destruction of the Turkish works. Ottoman troops are being driven back and concealed guns wrecked. The allied marines assaulted the strongholds from the rear, while the battleships poured shot into them from the front.

The Russians are believed to be making progress in their attempt to force a passage to Constantinople through the Bosphorus.

England's Greatest Ship Demolishes Turk Fortifications

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The greatest naval bombardment in the history of the world is battering down the forts of the Dardanelles near the sight of ancient Troy. Twelve great battleships are pounding the forts, and the British fleet is making progress in their attempt to force a passage to Constantinople through the Bosphorus.

The new dreadnought Queen Elizabeth, considered the most powerful fighting ship afloat, is hurling projectiles, each weighing nearly a ton, against the Sultan's defenses. Her eight great 13-inch guns are more than duplicating the feat of the German 42-centimeter at Liege. Almost single-handed she struck the mighty blow that reduced the Turkish fortress of Sedibler to a heap of ruins.

For the first time it is made known by the admiralty that the Queen Elizabeth is leading the naval drive upon the Ottoman forts. The big 12,000-ton battle monster, completed eighteen months ago, was supposed to be lying at anchor in the harbor. Her great guns in action, naval experts predict a steady sweep through the Dardanelles upon Constantinople.

French Marines Fight on Land.

In addition to the ten big warships mentioned in the admiralty's official announcement, two others are shelling the Dardanelles forts, according to Paris dispatches. French marines, Paris reports, have actually been in conflict with the Turks on the plains of ancient Troy, reaching from the Aegean Sea to the Hellespont.

Paris dispatches state that French government officials declare positively that Turkey's time has come. They say the allies have agreed to continue the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts, regardless of the cost, until the Anglo-French fleet appears off Constantinople and demands the city's surrender.

Agamemnon Worst Damaged.

The British battleship Agamemnon suffered the most severe damage in the Dardanelles battle. She was engaged at close range with the forts of Sedibler. Her shell burst on her deck, killing three men and wounding five.